
THE WESTERN THORACIC SURGICAL ASSOCIATION

Announcement of 1999 Annual Meeting

The Twenty-fifth Annual Meeting of The Western Thoracic Surgical Association will be held June 23-26, 1999, at the Resort at Squaw Creek in Olympic Valley (Lake Tahoe), California. The scientific sessions are open to all duly qualified physicians. Participation in other Association activities for members, invited guests, and program participants will require payment of a social registration fee. Nonmember physicians will be required to pay a scientific registration fee of \$200 in addition to the social registration fee.

Requests for meeting information

Meeting preregistration and hotel registration forms are available from:

The Western Thoracic Surgical Association
Thirteen Elm Street
Manchester, Massachusetts 01944
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Material for the program

Scientific papers will be considered from members and nonmembers. Member sponsorship is not necessary. Abstracts of proposed papers must have been received by the Program Chairman on or before January 13, 1999, and must have been accompanied by a Transmittal of Abstract Form.

All abstracts submitted must be in the structured format as required by *The Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery*. The structured abstract is to contain the following major headings: *Objective(s)*, *Methods*, *Results*, and *Conclusions*, and should clearly reflect the content of the completed paper. No reference should be made on the abstract to the names or institutions of the authors. Abstracts must represent unpublished work not previously presented at a major scientific meeting. Unless specified otherwise, the first named author will receive correspondence, give a ten-minute presentation of the paper, and close the discussion. Instructions and Abstract Transmittal Forms are available from:

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Successful essayists must deliver the complete manuscript at the time of presentation. The manuscript must be in a form acceptable to *The Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery* and must not exceed 3000 words without illustrations. The essay length must be reduced appropriately when figures or tables are included.

Samson Resident Prize Essay

The Association offers a prize for the best manuscript on a topic of interest to thoracic surgeons in honor of Paul C. Samson, MD. Candidates for the prize must be in a training program in the United States or Canada. The one essayist whose abstract, manuscript, and presentation are judged most outstanding will receive a \$2000 cash award following the presentation of all papers in California. The conditions for abstract submission, presentation, and publication as described above will apply. In addition, the *Samson Resident Prize Essay* box in the lower left hand corner of the form should be checked. A covering letter from the Chief of Service of the training program indicating the individual's year of training and the proportion of the work performed by the resident must be submitted. The authors of the abstracts chosen for the program will make up the finalists and were notified by February 12, 1999, that they must submit *six completed manuscripts for review by the Prize Essay Committee*. The Prize Essay committee will make its selection following the presentation of all papers.

Application for membership

Applications for membership in the Association must have been received by the Membership Committee Chairman no later than March 1, 1999, to be considered at the following annual meeting. Applicants must be sponsored by three members of the Association who are not members of the Membership Committee. Application forms will be issued only to sponsoring members.

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PROGRAM FOR 1999 ANNUAL MEETING

**25th Annual Meeting
June 23-26, 1999
Resort at Squaw Creek, Olympic Valley, California
Preliminary Program**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 1999

3:00 PM Registration Opens
6:30 PM New Members Reception

THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 1999

6:00 AM Samson Fun Run
7:00 AM Registration
Continental Breakfast—Exhibit Hall
8:00 AM Introduction of New Members and Resident Essay Finalists
8:10 AM SCIENTIFIC SESSION
Moderators: Kent W. Jones, MD
Vaughn A. Starnes, MD

1. **Benefit of Carotid Screening in Veteran's Administration Patients Undergoing Elective Primary Coronary Bypass Surgery**
Philip Bongiorno, MD,* J. David Vega, MD,* Bonnie Sammons, RNMS,* Russell S. Ronson, MD,* Carolyn Wright, RNMS,* Peter N. Symbas, MD, and Robert A. Guyton, MD,* The Emory Clinic, Atlanta, Georgia
2. **Impact of Operative Volume on Morbidity, Mortality, and Hospital Usage Following Esophagectomy for Cancer**
Stephen G. Swisher, MD,* Linda DeFord, PhD,* Kelly Willis-Merriman, MPH,* Kelly Hunt, MD,* Garrett Walsh, MD,* Ara Vaporciyan, MD,* W. Roy Smythe, MD,* Jack Roth, MD,* and J. B. Putnam, MD,* MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, Texas
- †3. **Long-Term Regulatable Cardiac Gene Therapy With a Stealth Vector: Adeno-Associated Virus With a Glucocorticoid Response Elements Promoter**
Leonard Y. Lee, MD,* Xiaohuai Zhou, PhD,* Xuebin Yin, MD,* Dean R. Polce, BS,* O. Wayne Isom, MD,* Ronald G. Crystal, MD,* and Todd K. Rosengart, MD,* New York Hospital—Cornell Medical Center, New York, New York
- †4. **Minimally Invasive Ultra Fast Track Treatment of Atrial Septal Defects in Children: Moving Toward Out-Patient Congenital Heart Surgery**
Andreas G. Sakopoulos, MD,* Steven R. Gundry, MD, Anees J. Razzouk, MD, and Leonard L. Bailey, MD, Loma Linda University Medical Center, Loma Linda, California

9:30 AM PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS
Twenty-Five Years of Excellence: The Legacy and the Challenge
Kent W. Jones, MD, Salt Lake City, Utah
10:20 AM Coffee Break—Visit Exhibits

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†Samson Resident Prize Essay

- 11:00 AM SCIENTIFIC SESSION
Moderators: Scot H. Merrick, MD
 John A. Hawkins, MD
5. **Facile Mitral Valve Repair Utilizing Leaflet Edge Approximation: Midterm Results of the Alfieri Figure-of-Eight Repair**
 Steven R. Gundry, MD, O. Howard Shattuck, PS,* Anees J. Razzouk, MD, J. Randall Feikes, MD,*
 Andreas G. Sakopoulos, MD,* and Leonard L. Bailey, MD, Loma Linda University Medical
 Center, Loma Linda, California
 6. **The Role of FDG-PET in the Staging and Preoperative Evaluation of Patients With Malignant Mesothelioma**
 Darren B. Schneider, MD,* Carolyn Clary-Macy, RN,* Scot H. Merrick, MD, Randall Hawkins,
 MD,* Gary Caputo, MD,* and David Jablons, MD,* University of California/Mt Zion, San
 Francisco, California
 7. **Aprotinin Preserves Myocardial Biochemical Function During Cold Storage Through Suppression of TNF**
 David A. Bull, MD,* Rafe C. Connors, BS,* Aida A. Albanil, BS,* James C. Stringham, MD,* and
 Shreekanth V. Karwande, MD, University of Utah Health Sciences Center, Salt Lake City, Utah
- SCIENTIFIC SESSION CONCLUDES AT NOON
 AFTERNOON—Golf/Tennis Tournaments
 EVENING—Free

FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 1999

- 6:30 AM SIMULTANEOUS BREAKFAST SESSIONS‡
- A) **Political and Economic Challenges: Cardiothoracic Surgery**
 Richard P. Anderson, MD, Seattle, Washington
 Jack M. Matloff, MD, Los Angeles, California
Moderated by: Kent W. Jones, MD
 - B) **Clinical Trials in Thoracic Oncology**
 Eric Vallieres, MD, Seattle, Washington
 Douglas E. Wood, MD, Seattle, Washington
 Samuel E. Wells, Jr, MD, Chicago, Illinois
- 7:00 AM Continental Breakfast—Exhibit Hall
- 8:00 AM POSTGRADUATE COURSE
The Surgical Profession at the Turn of the Century: Challenges and Opportunities
 Samuel A. Wells, Jr, MD
 American College of Surgeons, Chicago, Illinois
Sponsored by: White Memorial Medical Center and Foundation—Lyman A. Brewer, III Fund
- 9:00 AM SCIENTIFIC SESSION
Moderators: J. Nilas Young, MD
 Robbin G. Cohen, MD
8. **Off-Pump Complete Myocardial Revascularization via Median Sternotomy: Early Results**
 Fardad Esmailian, MD,* Hillel Laks, MD, Daniel Kessler, BS,* Fariba Foroushani, MD,* Abbas
 Ardehali, MD,* UCLA Medical Center, Los Angeles, California

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‡Separate Subscription Required

- †9. **Effect of Distal Graft Anastomosis Site on Retrograde Perfusion and Flow Patterns of Native Coronary Artery Vasculature**
L. Ray Guo, MD,* Byung C. Moon, MD,* and David A. Steinman, PhD,* London Health Sciences Centre, London, Ontario, Canada
- †10. **Descending Necrotizing Mediastinitis: An Analysis of the Effects of Serial Surgical Debridement on Patient Mortality**
Richard K. Freeman, MD,* Eric Vallieres, MD,* Edward D. Verrier, MD, Riyadh Karmy-Jones, MD,* and Douglas E. Wood, MD, Naval Hospital, Bremerton and Seattle, Washington
- †11. **The Influence of Erythrocytes on Myocardial Substrate Oxidation: Implications for Studies of Blood Reperfusion**
Paul E. Meyer, MD,* Malik Kurram, BA,* Robert Y. Chao, MD,* Jayendra B. Patel, MD,* Craig R. Malloy, MD,* Dan M. Meyer, MD,* and Michael E. Jessen, MD, FRCSC,* University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas, Texas
- 10:20 AM **1975 Samson Resident Essay Award Winner**
William R. Brody, MD
President, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland
Introduced by: Richard G. Fosburg, MD
- 10:45 AM Coffee Break—Visit Exhibits
- 11:30 AM SCIENTIFIC SESSION
Moderators: Steven R. Gundry, MD
Edward D. Verrier, MD
12. **Twenty-Year Comparison of Tissue and Mechanical Valve Replacement**
Alfredo Trento, MD,* Steven S. Khan, MD,* Michele A. DeRobertis, RN,* Robert M. Kass, MD, Carlos Blanche, MD,* Lawrence S. C. Czer, MD,* and Gregory P. Fontana, MD,* Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles, California
- †13. **The Free Radical Spin Trap Alpha-Phenyl-Tert-Butyl Nitron Attenuates the Cerebral Response to Deep Hypothermic Ischemia**
Stephen M. Langley, MD,* Paul J. Chai, MD,* James J. Jagers, MD,* and Ross M. Ungerleider, MD,* Wessex Cardiothoracic Centre, Southampton, United Kingdom
14. **Primary Repair Without a Conduit in Neonates and Infants With Tetralogy or Double-Outlet Right Ventricle and Anomalous Coronaries**
Christo I. Tchervakov, MD,* Marc P. Pelletier, MD,* Dominique Shum-Tim, MD,* Marie J. Beland, MD,* and Charles V. Rohlicek, MD,* The Montreal Children's Hospital, Montreal, Quebec, Canada
15. **Maze III Procedure in a Private Practice Setting**
Roger C. Millar, MD, Joseph M. Arcidi, Jr, MD,* and Peter M. Alison, MD,* Salt Lake Cardiovascular, Salt Lake City, Utah
- 12:50 PM SCIENTIFIC SESSION CONCLUDES
AFTERNOON FREE
- 7:00 PM OLYMPIC NIGHT AT HIGH CAMP
- SATURDAY, JUNE 26, 1999**
- 7:30 AM Continental Breakfast—Exhibit Hall

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- 8:20 AM SCIENTIFIC SESSION
Moderators: Douglas E. Wood, MD
 Vaughn A. Starnes, MD
16. **Do Cryopreserved Allografts Undergo “Rejection” After Pediatric Cardiac Surgery?**
 John A. Hawkins, MD, John P. Breinholt, BA,* Linda M. Lambert, BSN,* Thomas C. Fuller, PhD,*
 Edwin C. McGough, MD, and Robert E. Shaddy, MD,* Salt Lake City, Utah
17. **Surgical Management of Postintubation Tracheoesophageal Fistula**
 Paolo Macchiarini, MD, PhD,* Jean Phillippe Verhoye, MD,* Alain Chapelier, MD,* Elie Fadel,
 MD,* and Philippe Darteville, MD,* Hôpital Marie Lannelongue, Le Plessis Robinson, France
18. **Intraoperative Radio-Frequency Heating of Chronic Ovine Myocardial Infarction Causes
 Infarction Shrinkage and Left Ventricular Volume Reduction**
 Mark B. Ratcliffe, MD, Arthur W. Wallace, MD, PhD,* John R. Teerlink, MD,* James Hong, MS,*
 Ali Salahieh, BS,* and Sang-Hyun Sung, MD, PhD,* University of California, VA Medical Center,
 San Francisco, California
19. **Selective Use of Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation Is Warranted After Lung
 Transplantation**
 Bryan F. Meyers, MD,* Thoralf M. Sundt III, MD,* Scott Henry, MD,* Elbert P. Trulock, MD,*
 Tracey Guthrie, RN,* Joel D. Cooper, MD,* and G. Alexander Patterson, MD,* Barnes-Jewish
 Hospital, St Louis, Missouri
- 9:40 AM Coffee Break—Visit Exhibits
- 10:20 AM SCIENTIFIC SESSION
Moderators: J. Edward Okies, MD
 Paul B. Kelly, Jr, MD
20. **Neonatal Aortic Arch Reconstruction Using Regional Low Flow Bypass**
 Frank A. Pigula, MD,* Ralph D. Siewers, MD,* and Edwin M. Nemoto, PhD,* Children’s Hospital
 of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
21. **Transforming Growth Factor-Beta in Relation to Myocardial Dysfunction and Cardial
 Allograft Vasculopathy Following Heart Transplantation**
 Tarek M. Aziz, FRCS,* Nizar A. Yonan, FRCS,* Malcolm I. Bruggess, MRCP,* Abdul K. Deiraniya,
 FRCS,* Philip S. Hasleton, MRCP,* and Ian V. Hutchinson, PhD,* Wythenshawe Hospital,
 Manchester, United Kingdom
- 11:00 AM C. Walton Lillehei Point-Counterpoint Session
Optimal Surgical Approaches to Aortic Valve Disease
Moderator: Edward D. Verrier, MD
Panelists: Delos M. Cosgrove, MD, The Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio
 Vaughn A. Starnes, MD, University of Southern California, Los Angeles,
 California
- 12:10-1:30 PM LUNCHEON ON THE VERANDA
- 1:40 PM SCIENTIFIC SESSION
Moderators: Bradley J. Harlan, MD
 Daniel J. Ulyot, MD
22. **The Changing Pattern of Reoperative Coronary Surgery**
 Terrence M. Yau, MD,* Joan Ivanov, MSc,* and Richard D. Weisel, MD,* The Toronto Hospital,
 Toronto, Ontario, Canada

- 23. Salvage of High-Risk CABG Patients Utilizing an Off-Pump Revascularization Strategy**
Michael A. Grosso, MD,* William A. Anderson, MD,* Lynn B. McGrath, MD,* James Taylor, DO,* Deborah Ilkowsky, RN,* Christine Czum, RN,* Chao Chen, PhD,* and Gail Anolik, PhD,*
Deborah Heart and Lung Center, Browns Mills, New Jersey
- 24. Endothelial Nitric Oxide Synthase Gene Transfer Ameliorates Lung Isograft Ischemia-Reperfusion Injury**
Takashi Suda, MD,* Bassem N. Mora, MD,* Jonas A. Cooper, BS,* Masafumi Hiratsuka, MD,* Franco D'Ovidio, MD,* Wanjiang Zhang, MD,* Thalachallour Mohanakumar, PhD,* and G. Alexander Patterson, MD,* Washington University School of Medicine, St Louis, Missouri
- 25. Sequential Thoracic Metasectomy Prolongs Survival by Preserving Local Control**
Michael T. Jaklitsch, MD,* Carlos M. Mery,* Jeanne M. Lukanich, MD,* William G. Richards, PhD,* Steven J. Mentzer, MD,* Scott J. Swanson, MD,* Raphael Bueno, MD,* and David J. Sugarbaker, MD,* Brigham & Women's Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts, and Monterrey, Mexico
- †26. Six Years of Outpatient Left Ventricular Assist Device Support**
David L. S. Morales, MD,* Daniel J. Goldstein, MD,* Kathy A. Catanese, MSN,* David N. Helman, MD,* Margaret A. Flannen, RN,* Vashifumi Naka, MD,* Donna Mancini, MD,* Eric A. Rose, MD,* and Mehmet C. Oz, MD,* Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center, New York, New York

3:20 PM SCIENTIFIC SESSION ENDS
3:30-4:00 PM ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING (Members Only)
7:00 PM PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION AND BANQUET

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